



SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for BART SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT

Date of Publication of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration: July 8, 2022

Project Title: BART Slope Stabilization Project

Sponsor and Lead Agency: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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Project Locations:

- Concord – BART Structure C3015 Kinne Boulevard.
- Castro Valley – BART Structure L5008 Five Canyons Parkway; BART Structure L5009 Fraga Road; BART Structure L5010 E Castro Valley Boulevard.

Project Description: The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) is proposing the BART Slope Stabilization Project (Project) along BART’s right-of-way (ROW) to reduce long-term risk to passengers, employees, and property from damaged abutment joint seals, drainage problems, and slope failure and erosion at or below BART abutment structures. Abutments are concrete structures that support the two ends of a bridge where it passes over a roadway or body of water. The seals that are applied serve to prevent unwanted surface water and contaminants from entering into the abutment. BART has identified particular slopes as a priority for slope stabilization improvements and maintenance, as well as the overhead abutments that need repairs. Using Measure RR¹ funded programs and California Governor’s Office of Emergency Service/Federal Emergency Management Agency funding, BART proposes to repair the drainage condition of the abutments, related wayside and track drainage, and the condition of embankment slopes at these identified sites. The slope repairs would vary in scope, depending on the extent of the repair required to stabilize the specific slope.

The purpose of the Project is to repair the abutment joints, clear any clogged drains, and armor and reinforce the slopes underneath BART bridge structures to prevent any further erosion damage. Typical armoring materials, which are placed on the slopes to protect them, are concrete, large diameter rock, and a strong reinforcing fabric that can be secured to the slope using an anchor in the soil. The five identified locations for evaluation in this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) include two in Concord, California (at BART Structures C3015E and C3015W), and three in Castro Valley, California (at BART Structures L5008W, L5009W, and L5010W). Because the repair work includes the BART structures as well as portions of the track,

¹ Measure RR gave State authorization for BART to issue \$3.5 billion in bonds to fund system renewal projects, backed by a tax on property within San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

drainage facilities, and the embankment slopes below the BART structures, the entire construction area at each structure is hereafter referred to as “project site.”

The Concord project site is within the former Concord Naval Weapons Station. Although cleanup activities are underway and the land was transferred from the U.S. Navy to the City of Concord on November 13, 2017, the site remains an “open” site and is on the state Cortese List, which is required to be maintained and updated by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA 2021), pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The Cortese List is an annually updated planning document used to inform the public about the location of hazardous materials release sites.

This Project Would Not Have A Significant Effect on the Environment: This finding is based on the criteria of the Guidelines of the State Secretary for Natural Resources, Sections 15064 (Determining Significant Effect), 15065 (Mandatory Findings of Significance), and 15070 (Decision to Prepare a Negative Declaration), and the reasons documented in the Environmental Evaluation (Initial Study) for the Project. Mitigation measures would be implemented by the Project to reduce potentially significant effects to a less-than-significant level. These mitigation measures are identified in the Initial Study.

Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration: Copies of the IS/MND can be reviewed and downloaded from the BART website at www.bart.gov/sloperrepair.

In addition, copies of the IS/MND are available at the following libraries in Concord and Castro Valley:

- Concord Library, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord
- Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley

Public Meeting: BART will hold two virtual public meetings to receive public comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration:

- **Castro Valley on August 3, 2022** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us by either:
 - Clicking the link below to join the webinar
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81902723374?pwd=VUMvTmVXUWk0SEcvcDNrZXRGb2ZuQT09>
Passcode: 565355
 - OR
 - Calling
(669) 900-6833 or Toll Free: (877) 853-5257
Webinar ID: 819 0272 3374
Passcode: 565355

- **Concord on August 4, 2022** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us by either:
 - Clicking the link below to join the webinar
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84960010989?pwd=enlMOTJNczlQWWxxSHZDcWVmZiJqQT09>
Passcode: 036342

OR
 - Calling
(669) 900-6833 or Toll Free: (877) 853-5257
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Comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration: The public review period for the Draft IS/MND will begin on July 8, 2022 and end on August 12, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Comments can be made:

- at the public meeting;
- emailed to the following email addresses:
 - khillis@bart.gov for Castro Valley
 - AMercad@bart.gov for Concord;

OR

- sent to the following address: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District,
Attn: Donald Dean, BART, 2150 Webster Street, 8th Floor, Oakland California, 94612.